



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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January 19, 2018

Upcounty Quality of Life Committee Meeting
Monday, January 22 7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: “Resources for the Classroom”

Guests: Scott Murphy, Director, Dept. of Secondary Curriculum & Districtwide Programs, MCPS
Greg Edmundson, Elementary Director, Office of School Support and Improvement, MCPS

All board and committee meetings are open to the public!

Inclement Weather Policy for Boards, Committees and Commissions:

If Montgomery County Public Schools open late, BCC morning meetings are cancelled; if schools close early, or if afternoon or evening activities are cancelled, BCC afternoon and evening meetings are cancelled; if schools are closed all day, all BCC meetings for that day and evening will be cancelled.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.mathews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Mobile Commuter Store at the Upcounty Regional Services Center

Monday, January 22 8:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, January 23 8:00am-3:30pm

Transit Services now has a “Mobile Commuter Store” that travels to certain sites around the county to make it more convenient for residents to purchase Ride On passes, and MARC train tickets. You can also purchase and add value to SmarTrip cards. The Mobile Store also offers a broad range of services, including one-on-one assistance, transportation information, schedules and maps. Go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/commuter/index.html/index.html> to find out where the bus will each week. The Mobile Store is open to the public.

You might remember that the Mobile Store was here last fall too. For more general information, read the [press release here](#).



“Ride Smart”

Free Training on Using Transit for Ages 50+

Connect-A-Ride is a free information and referral service of transportation options for seniors and disabled adults in Montgomery County. We also offer Ride Smart, a free public transit travel training workshop for ages 50+. For more information call 301-738-3252 or email ConnectARide@AccessJCA.org, Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm.

Public Forums on Next Year’s Operating Budget for the County



Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett is holding his annual budget forums to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Operating Budget priorities. The forum will begin at 7:00pm at each of the locations listed below. Note: *The forum originally scheduled at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center was rescheduled due to inclement weather (see below).*

- [January 24, Mid-County Community Recreation Center](#)
- [January 29, BlackRock Center for the Arts \(Upcounty region\)](#)
- [January 30, Silver Spring Civic Building](#)
- [January 31, Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center](#)
- [February 6, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center](#) **(new date!)**

Your feedback as a resident or business owner is crucial in helping the County Executive determine priorities. Mr. Leggett will announce his Recommended FY19 Operating Budget on March 15. After public hearings and committee work sessions, the County Council then approves the operating budget at the end of May.

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See more about the budget at <https://budget.data.montgomerycountymd.gov/#!/year/default>

Join Montgomery County’s conversation about the FY19 Operating Budget on social media and help raise awareness by using #MoCoBudget19.

County Executive Ike Leggett Unveils Capital Improvements Program

This week, County Executive Ike Leggett released his recommended FY19 [Capital Budget](#) and six-year FY19-24 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – his final Capital Budget as County Executive. Leggett also took the opportunity to highlight the substantial progress made over his 12 years in opening and renovating new County facilities of all types, adding more than 21,000 classroom seats in public schools, opening a record number of new fire stations, and expanding Montgomery College – as well as adding more funding for such “back to basics” as road repaving and maintenance, clean energy buses, and snow removal apparatuses.

- [Watch YouTube Video](#) **NEW**
- [Press Release](#)
- [Highlights from the County Executive’s 12 Years of Building](#) (pdf)
- [2019 Recommended Capital Budget](#)



MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Open Houses - January/February

7:00pm – 9:00pm

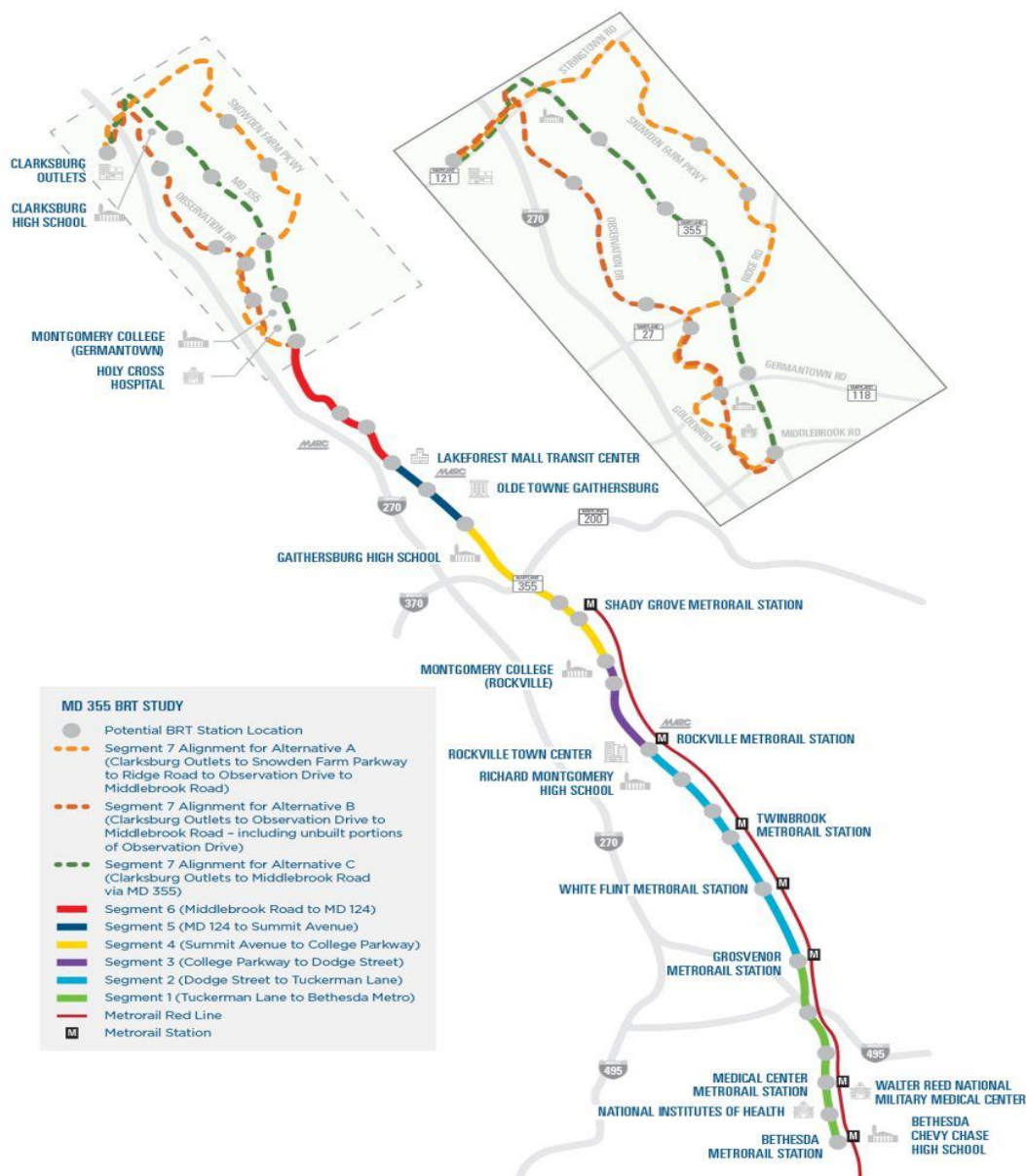
See dates and locations listed below

Meet the BRT team and get information about Montgomery County's bus rapid transit at locations throughout the county. Three Open Houses will take place to present information and gather community input on the MD 355 project. Open houses constitute opportunities for residents to stop in, learn about this project, ask questions, and offer comments to our staff. *Content will be the same in each open house, so feel free to attend any event during the evening timeframe.*

January 22 Clarksburg High School Cafeteria, 22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg, MD 20871

January 24 Gaithersburg High School Cafeteria, 314 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

February 1 Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Cafeteria, 4301 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814



Public Information Meeting: Dorsey Mill Road Bridge
Thursday, February 8 7:00pm-9:00pm
(Inclement weather date – Tuesday, February 20)
William B. Gibbs, Jr. Elementary School Cafeteria
12615 Royal Crown Drive, Germantown

Come and learn more about the project which will extend Dorsey Mill Road from Century Boulevard to Milestone Center Drive. The project also includes a dual bridge over I-270, and the reconstruction of the existing Dorsey Mill Road from Milestone Center Drive to Observation Drive. The anticipated schedule will be presented.

The project was initiated in February 2015 to connect the communities on both sides of I-270 and to accommodate the local master plan. The 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan designates Dorsey Mill Road as the four-lane "Business District R B-14" with a 30mph target speed and "Shared Use Path SP-66."

For more information, contact Project Manager Greg Hwang at greg.hwang@montgomerycountymd.gov. See project details at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/dorseymillrd/index.html>

Your comments are needed!



Planning Board to Hold Public Hearing on Draft MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan
It focuses on the areas around the Boyds and Germantown MARC train stations!
Thursday, February 1 7:00pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

The Montgomery Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on a Draft of the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan. The Plan makes recommendations for land use and zoning within the MARC Rail Communities Sector Plan area, as well as recommendations intended to improve overall circulation, pedestrian connections and the network of bikeways for: a) approximately 252 acres in Boyds generally surrounding the MARC station and the intersection of Clarksburg and Clopper Roads; and b) the 290 acres in Germantown generally bounded by Middlebrook Road, Great Seneca Highway, Dawson Farm Road, Germantown Road and Waters Road.

The plan will amend the Approved and Adopted 1989 Germantown Master Plan, as amended, and the 2009 Germantown Employment Area Sector Plan. See the Plan at <http://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/communities/area-3/marc-rail-communities/>

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Advisory Committees

Please Note that the BCC Application Process is Online!!!

You may access vacancy announcements for boards, committees, and commissions through the following link: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/boards/index.html> . Please read instructions carefully on that page, where you will find a link directly to the vacancy announcements. Applicants of diverse backgrounds, professions, gender, geography, disability and ethnicity are encouraged to apply. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of these boards must complete training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act and basic parliamentary procedure. Members are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Leggett's appointments are generally subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of individuals selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.

Rustic Roads Advisory Committee - *Applications are Due February 7*

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill three vacancies on the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee: for one member who represents a civic association outside the Agricultural Reserve where there are rustic roads; one member who knows rural preservation techniques through practical experience and training; and one owner/operator of commercial farmland (earning 50 percent or more of their income from farming). All members must be Montgomery County residents.

The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee promotes public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program, and reviews and comments on: the classification of rustic roads, development proposals that affect rustic roads, and executive regulations and policies that may affect the Program. [Read more](#) and [apply online](#).

Agricultural Advisory Committee - *Applications are Due February 7*

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill eight vacancies on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Five positions are for bona fide farmers selected to represent the total farm community, and three positions are to be filled by non-farmers. Two farmer and two non-farmer incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The 15-member committee advises the County Executive and County Council on all matters affecting agriculture in the County. Membership includes farmers, non-farmers, and at least one farm economist and one conservationist.

Farmer representatives serve three-year terms and non-farmer members serve one-year terms. Members serve without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening of each month in Germantown.

Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group - *Applications are Due February 7*

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill four vacancies on the Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group for representatives of the affected Upcounty community.

The purpose of this Group is to address community and environmental issues and concerns pertaining to the County's solid waste facilities located in the Dickerson area. These facilities include the Resource Recovery Facility, the Yard Trim Composting Facility, properties originally purchased for the Site 2 landfill, and property associated with the Linden Farm (formerly called the Matthews Farm).

The 18-member Group has 12 voting members, including representatives of Sugarloaf Citizens Association, For a Rural Montgomery (FARM), representatives from the towns of Poolesville and Barnesville, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, and six representatives of the affected community. Six non-voting members include representatives of the Operator of the Resource Recovery Facility, the Operator of the Montgomery County Compost Facility, the Operator of the Dickerson GenOn (now NRG Energy), the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Meetings are held at least quarterly at 7:30 PM at 20900 Martinsburg Road in Dickerson.

Please share this notice with anyone who may be interested.

Council Committees Start Reviews of Executive Leggett's Savings Plan for Fiscal Year 2018

Recently, County Executive Leggett sent his Savings Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 to the County Council. (We are currently in fiscal year 2018 which runs from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.) The FY18 Savings Plan is based on Department of Finance estimates that indicate lower than expected income tax revenue. Savings plans are not unusual. In FY16 the County Executive proposed a \$50.8 million savings plan, and the Council approved \$54.2 million in savings. The Executive's plan calls for \$60 million in operating budget savings and \$13 million in capital projects savings to reduce costs in the current year. A Council vote on the plan is tentatively scheduled for January 30.

Visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/OnDemand/index.html> for the schedule of Council meetings and discussion packets.

Free Tax Preparation Services

Community Action's VITA Program is now scheduling appointments for 2017 taxes. Appointments available in various locations for County residents earning \$54,000 or less. Please click [HERE](#) or call 240-777-1123.

Statement by Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett on Decision by Amazon to Include Montgomery County, Maryland Among the Finalists for Their New Second Headquarters!

"I am extremely pleased and proud that Amazon selected Montgomery County, Md. to enter into future discussions regarding locating their second headquarters. I want to thank Governor Hogan and his entire team for their strong support in helping to create a compelling case for the County.

"As the only County in the country on the short list, having the ability to move forward for further consideration is a real honor. I believe our initial proposal made an extremely strong case for Montgomery County as a great place to do business, and I look forward to working with Amazon to bring jobs and investment to the County."

Montgomery County Council Statement on Montgomery County's Selection as a Finalist for Amazon HQ2

The Montgomery County Council is excited to learn that Amazon has selected Montgomery County, Maryland as one of 20 potential locations for Amazon HQ2. Amazon's selection of the County as a finalist for their second North American headquarters reaffirms that Montgomery County is one of the best places in the country to live, work and grow a business in our increasingly global economy. Our County's educated workforce, high-quality school system, multi-modal transportation options, internet connectivity, network infrastructure, inclusive values and outstanding quality of life makes our community an ideal location for companies looking to grow in the future. The County Council is pleased to continue working with our business and elected leaders to bring Amazon to our community.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>

Parks Department <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

Planning Department <http://montgomeryplanning.org>